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WASHINGTON.

Secretary Cox's Rules for Appointment in His Department.

Quartermaster General Meigs Will Reply to Secretary Welles.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The full swing in the civil-service reform movement, by Secretary Cox, in the branch of the interior in his department, promises very well for the examination of candidates for appointment. The system had been largely successful in reducing the number of applicants, and the board of clerks in order to meet the constant demand that vacancies should be appointed upon the strictest work of examination, it is understood to have been decided during the regulations of the department.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7, 1870.

SIR: In order to increase the efficiency of the clerical force, and to elevate the character of the service, I have determined, in future appointments, to require a competitive examination, in cases of appointees reaching appointments relating to which the applicants are designated, together with a proper degree of physical strength, moral character, habits of industry, temperance, punctuality, fidelity, and capacity for business. The examinations will be conducted in writing, and each person will be required to write a letter from dictation, to copy correctly certain pieces from any chapter of favorite author, to write from memory a page of legislation, to write a page, and, another other in the second class, pencil in an envelope which will be given and addressed to him, and to perform such other practical work as may be required. Those who pass the examination will be appointed to the third class, with a salary of $1,200, and whenever one whose name appears upon the register of eligibles shall have been in the service of the department for one year, and shall have performed the duties of his position to the satisfaction of his superiors, he will be entitled to promotion to the second class, together with the letter of notification of his appointment. Promotion to the first class will be determined by examination, with the rule of seniority in the service, as between those who pass the examination

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1870.

THE CONVENTION.

The Republican County Convention met last night, and nominated a Congressional, Senatorial, and county ticket, which will be found in another column. The candidates named for the Legislature are, with one or two exceptions which the Tribune will notice hereafter, very good men. The Senatorial nominee especially is a man of ability and character, and his nomination for Sheriff and Coroner is unexceptionable. It would be difficult, in so large a ticket, under the present system of nominating candidates for office, to satisfy the better men who would be willing to accept seats in the Legislature. We say this without any mental reservation, although there are on the list a few names of persons whose nomination is not likely to add to the dignity of the Legislature. The ability to fill them, are not exactly known. There being an election of United States Senator pending, we esteem it a political necessity, however, to support them as well as the others.

There was much unanimity attending the acts of the Congressional convention. Mr. C. B. Farwell, in seeking and obtaining this nomination, Mr. Farwell has challenged an investigation of his character, antecedents and threat, and invited the public to canvass his claims to their confidence. We did not think he would do so. The fact that he has taken this risk presupposes that there is some transaction at stake to be played for. Mr. Farwell is an able, cool-headed man, devoid of political ambition, and he always measures the risk he is about to take. The convention, although elected to nominate him, performed their task with an evident shudder, and adjourned in a gloomy mood.

In 1866, during the darkest and most trying period of the war, Mr. Farwell suggested G. S. McCormick for Congress, and published, in the Chicago Times, over his own signature, a letter intended to show that McCormick is that election. Mr. McCormick, it is well known, was more intensely Southern in his sympathies and proclivities than Vallandigham or Brick Pomeroy. We recall this circumstance to show that Mr. Farwell of the crime of "bolting"—he would smile at such a charge as that—but to show that with him politics is a game in which the steadiest nerve and the coolest head win.

There is, we presume, little expectation in any quarter that Mr. Farwell will be elected. Undoubtedly, there will be a great deal of money spent, and a good time while it lasts; but the result will justify the worst apprehensions of the convention which nominated him.

BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSES.

The idea prevails strongly among certain classes of men that governments were constituted for the benefit of office-holders, and that taxation is a legitimate function of authority, to be exercised without any responsibility or question. Some weeks ago we published the remarks made by Mr. Blackford, a member of the Board of Education of this city, upon the subject of building school houses. The facts and figures given by that gentleman were so startling that the persons who so kindly gowned and fed the public were driven to an organized defense. A series of inquiries were addressed to the Board of Education, and these questions have been answered, and the board and its champions think they have stifled investigation and silenced inquiry as to their transactions. The statement made by Mr. Blackford was in the following words:

"He had at the beginning of the school year, four weeks ago, over 1,000 more seats than the number of children in attendance, and by next January last year, not including the most expensive of all, in the South Division, he will have over 2,000 seats, and we have several houses yet on our list to build and have nothing."

He also stated:

"A few months ago, we had what was styled by the Democratic press a 'Building Ring,' composed of Mr. Jerome and myself, and the Common Council, subsequently, at our request, appointed a committee to investigate the matter, carrying out the project. Besides the committee, I invited the whole Board of Education to go with me, and visit every school house in the city. We went to the North Side, to the West Side, to the South Side, and to Town-ship 39, and we found that the statements we had made were strictly true. We had no houses in a fit way to be occupied, if not rented, this year, and it will give us a debt of over a million of dollars by the first of January next, if we have seven houses yet on our list to build and have nothing."

The first of these statements was a serious one, and, with a view to elicit an answer to it, the Common Council passed the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, The Board of Education have stated that they have now seats for 2,000 more children than they have been supplied with; and

"WHEREAS, The Common Council believing that said statement may call into question the manner in which the affairs of said Board are conducted; therefore,

"RESOLVED, That a committee of one from each ward be appointed by the Mayor, to investigate and report to this Council what number of seats are actually needed, and what number of seats have been provided by said Board; and

"RESOLVED, That the public good and the economical management of said Board demand a full and complete investigation of the matter, and that the committee be authorized in their investigation to send for persons and papers."

The reader will notice that in this resolution the statement imputed to Mr. Blackford is very different from the one made by him, and that by attributing words to him which he never uttered the statement relating to the answer on allegation not made. We ignore the statement relating to Mr. Jerome's attendance, and treat it as a matter with reference to attendance in 1870.

The committee, which was composed of the Board of Education, we the following facts:

That the 16th of September the seats at the disposal of the Board of Education were as follows:

Seats opened by the city	36,420
Seats opened by private schools	2,613
Total number of seats	39,033
Number of seats now attendance	34,767
Not occupied	4,266

That the report showed that the increased number of seats for the year was 2,000 additional seats, being the amount of the whole number attending.

That in the report contained in the report of Mr. Blackford, and shown in the above figures, we invite public attention to certain pertinent matters. The first is a statement of the school boards of the city since April, 1867:

1867	25,000
1868	28,000
1869	30,000
1870	34,767

That this statement is

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20 Bonnets and Hats for 15
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Orders promptly attended to at the same ratio.

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Invite attention to a very full assortment of handsome VELVET, ASTRACHAN BEAVER, and WATER-PROOF,

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Full Water-proof Circulars as low as FIVE DOLLARS. Black Beaver Sacques, large size, from $6 each to the most expensive goods. Elegant Lyons Velvet Cloaks at $65, $70, $75, and $80. Also, a full line of Novelties in Hoods and Breakfast Jackets, at

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TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE

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Others Interested.

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Parties having property to sell, and desiring to avail themselves of the above facilities, will please call at the office, or send notice, as business requires.

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WINE OF LIFE.

This is a substitute for Whiskey, Brandy, and all other stimulants used by the debilitated. It is the best Tonic ever offered to the public. Price One Dollar.

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Look out for the "Prairie-av." cars on every third stage, or every 10 minutes.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Ex-Supervisor Farwell Nominated for Congress.

For Sheriff, Tim. Bradley---For Coroner, John Stephens.

Henry W. Woodard, J. L. Beveridge, and J. M. Jewett for State Senators.

Scenes, Incidents, and Actions of the Convention.

MORNING SESSION.

The Cook County Republican Convention called for the purpose of putting in the field candidates for Congressmen from this district, Sheriff and Coroner for the county, State Senators and Representatives to said town, offices, met, pursuant to notice, in Metropolitan Hall, and was called to order by D.N. Hibbard, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, as follows:

ORGANIZATION.

Mr. HIBBARD. As Chairman of the Cook County Central Republican Committee, I present to those individuals who, and all of whom, I hope will now constitute this convention in order, and, for the purpose of a temporary organization, I ask you to nominate a temporary Chairman.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER. I nominate Ira W. Buell.

Mr. Buell was elected-Dad took his seat.

Mr. HIBBARD. Gentlemen of the convention, I thank you most cordially for the honor you have done me. My duties are over, and will be the appointment of Secretaries.

Mr. HIBBARD. I nominate George W. Knox as one of the Secretaries.

Mr. Knox was elected.

The CHAIR. The chair appoints J. C. Knickerbocker, Geo. W. Gage, and Mr. Sutherland, a committee on credentials.

The committee retired.

MR. PHIL HOYNE. I move the hall be cleared for the convention.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIR. I will appoint Phil. Hoyne and Jas. Sutherland a committee to carry out the motion.

The committee entered on the discharge of its duties.

Several motions were made, but the Chair refused to recognize them until order was restored.

Judge L. B. GOVE. I call for the appointment of a Committee on Credentials.

The CHAIR. The appointment is made.

Mr. H. H. MILLER. I move the Chairman appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms.

The CHAIR. I have appointed Mr. Hoyne and Mr. Sutherland a committee to preserve order, and to call on a policeman, if necessary.

Mr. PHIL HOYNE. We shall require a policeman to get along.

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The CHAIR. The following is the Committee on Credentials: Judge Goe, of the Second Ward; C. H. Ham, of the Third Ward; H. K. Miller, of the Tenth Ward; A. H. Bonfield, of the Sixteenth Ward; and Mr. H. Fahiman, of Palatine.

ADDITIONAL SECRETARIES.

Judge SUMMERFIELD. I suggest the appointment of two additional Secretaries, from the North, and one from the West Division.

The CHAIR. I appoint Messrs. Bonfield and Farwell.

VACANCIES.

Mr. PHELPS. I move that the different delegations be now empowered to fill their vacancies, if any.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIR. The Secretaries will now call the roll for organization.

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TO RENT—ROOMS.

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BUSINESS CHANCES.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

WANTED TO RENT.

PARTNERS WANTED.

FOR SALE.

MACHINERY.

CLAIRVOYANTS.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

INSTRUCTION.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

SEWING MACHINES.

AGENTS WANTED.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

BOARD WANTED.

FINANCIAL.

PERSONAL.

LOST AND FOUND.

TO LEASE.

FOREIGN.

The Franco-Prussian Struggle.

Great Britain Takes the Initiative in Another Effort to Secure an Armistice.

She is Joined by Russia, Austria, and Italy.

Napoleon and Eugenie Consulted in the Matter.

Strong Hopes Expressed of an Early Cessation of Hostilities.

Another Sortie from Paris in the Direction of Versailles.

The French Driven Back With Heavy Loss.

Reports of Recent Fighting at Other Points.

FRANCE.